

# WEEK'S WORLD NEWS

Japanese hearts, attuned through the ages to the worship of monsters of the earth, the sea, and the heavens, must have beat faster as the giant monster of the Air, Graf Zeppelin, came out of the north and hovered over their snug little empire. It was the first time a "Zep" had ever visited the Orient and Nipponese curiosity was pitched to its highest point. The entire population of Tokio, Yokohama, and the surrounding territory of the islands blackened the house-tops, the streets, and the fields, to see this monster descend from the heavens.

The Graf made the trip from Friedrichshafen, Germany, a flight of nearly 7000 miles in two hours and five minutes less than four days, the longest non-stop flight ever made. Five hundred Japanese blue-jackets, piloted by the Graf, will reach Los Angeles Saturday or Sunday afternoon. The flight from Kaminigaura, Japan to Mines Field, Inglewood, is about 5476 miles. Special arrangements are being made to handle the immense crowds expected to greet the "Zep" and ground crews are already training for handling the giant airplane upon her arrival here.

Blinded by mother love, Richard Howard, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard, millionaire auto dealer, shot and killed his father with an automatic rifle when he saw his father, crazed with drink, choking and beating his mother in the palatial Wilshire district home of the Howards. The coroner's jury absolved the youth from guilt on the grounds of "justifiable homicide."

Efforts are being made by J. P. Morgan & Company to buy the Union Oil company of California. The House of Morgan already controls the Continental Oil company and if the merger with the Union Oil is completed, it will be one of the largest petroleum companies in the country.

Lindy is teaching Ann to fly. Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh is not yet handled the controls, but her husband has demonstrated several takeoffs and landings at the Aviation Country Club at Hicksville, N. Y.

How much does a Los Angeles down town theatre take in over a weekend's business. Well, a thiet took out \$15,549 from the United Artists Theatre safe Monday morning, said to be the weekend receipts.

Negotiations are reported in progress for the combining of Warner Brothers and Faramount studios to form a \$400,000,000 merger. About 2400 motion picture theatres in addition to the studios themselves would be involved.

Cigarette consumption jumped 14 million smokers during the past year and Uncle Sam collected \$40,000,000 extra taxes over last year as a result, bringing the total cigarette tax for the year ending June 30 to \$342,000,000.

The Actors' Equity have declared a truce with the motion picture producers and have sent their members back to work. The strike is to be renewed, according to Equity leaders, in about two weeks. The producers have apparently won the first round.

Harry F. Sinclair has evidently tired of pill popping in the Washington jail pharmacy and has asked President Hoover to commute his sentence. Henry Day, Sinclair associate, who is serving a term at the Washington jail, also made an appeal for clemency.

## Local Man Escapes As Car Turns Over

Stephen DaCosta, general manager of the Alhambra Engineering company, narrowly escaped serious injury Tuesday when the car which he was driving struck a patch of loose gravel eight miles north of San Diego and turned over three times. Mr. DaCosta was passing a truck on a detour when his car skidded into a ditch. The Torrance man sustained only minor bruises. The car was almost completely wrecked.

## Child Fractures Hip In Auto Accident

Little Wayne Clifford Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams of 1927 Plaza Del Amo, is going to be a big help to his father when he grows up. In fact he has started helping him at the toddling age, and by so doing it sustained a fractured hip.

Mr. Adams was pushing the car into the garage on August 12 and Wayne helped push. He fell at the side of the car and the wheel braked against him, fracturing his hip.

He was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital and is now getting along nicely, the tiny leg in a cast.

Girls who paint their faces like to run around with fellows who paint the town.

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# TORRANCE POPULATION IS 8200

## SCHOOL TERM OPENS TUES. SEPT. 10TH, WOOD

### Few Changes Made in Faculty; Course of Study Follows Last Year's Plan

### New Building Ready Nov. 1 Causes Temporary Shift in Class Schedule

School will open Tuesday, September 10, announced Mr. Herbert Wood this week.

The new building will not be ready for occupancy until about November 1 and the classes to be housed in that building will be temporarily inconvenienced. Chemistry and science classes, which are to be housed in the new building, will meet in the biology room. They will be confined to text books with no laboratory work as the old laboratories have been converted into quarters for the art department.

The art department now has two rooms, besides a work room, and much more storage space than before. The rooms are by far more adequate for art than in the past.

Sewing and cooking classes will be held in the same rooms as last year until the completion of the new building. Cooking students had packed all their equipment in boxes at the close of the school year in the spring, in preparation to moving, and must now unpack the equipment for two months more use in the old quarters.

The new cafeteria may be ready by the opening of school, but it is doubtful so equipment will remain in its present location until things are more certain.

For three years the school has been planning for a fence around the athletic field, and that plan is now a certainty, for the field was completely fenced by a high, strong fence during the summer.

Fifty thousand dollars has been allotted to Torrance High for equipment in the new building, and in addition to this, \$1500 was allowed for use in the various departments. Another \$1000 will be allotted in February. With this money, every department will be benefited.

Seven hundred dollars will be spent in landscaping at the school, the work to be done by the students. This will include landscaping near the tennis courts, south of the auditorium, the new science building and other places.

Very few changes have been made in the faculty and curriculum this year, and instructors will remain in the same departments as last year.

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## Only 78 Torrance Drivers Flunked The Examination

### Less than three percent of the Torrance people who took drivers' license examinations failed to get their licenses, according to figures in the police station.

More than 2800 took the test, and to date there are only 78 who have been unable to obtain their licenses due either to poor eyesight or failure to pass the examination.

Many more than 78 failed to get their licenses at the time of the first test, but were allowed to come back and take the test again, and the second time were awarded their licenses.

The "questionnaire" did not ask questions, but made statements, to be declared either "true" or "false" by the one being examined.

Common Errors

"The speed limit in a school zone when children are present is 15 miles an hour," states the examination. Hundreds of people missed this one because they did not read the statement carefully. They thought it read "school crossing" instead of "school zone" and therefore concluded that the statement was wrong, for one must come to a complete stop at a school crossing when children are present.

Another was "A passenger vehicle may carry luggage boxes on the left side as long as they do not project more than one foot beyond the line of the hub caps," and again hundreds fell down, for they marked the question "true."

Chief Calder said it was surprising the number of people who missed the following statement "true": "When two vehicles reach an intersection at about the same time, the one coming from the left has the right of way." The one coming from the right has the right of way.

At Sacramento

The Division of Motor Vehicles at Sacramento today estimated that more than 900,000 persons had their licenses examined in California for new operators' licenses since the order was issued on July 11th, cancelling all licenses issued prior to January 1, 1927 in accordance with the new motor vehicle act.

To this estimate was added 700,000 for those who secured licenses between January 1, 1927 and July 11th, making an approximate total of 1,600,000 licenses in the state that are now legal.

Pointing out that all licenses issued prior to January 1, 1927 are now void, Frank G. Snook, chief of the division, urged all motorists who have not done so to make application at once for renewal.

Although a reasonable length of time will be permitted for all to renew before the law is invoked, Chief Snook said it would be necessary shortly to set an actual deadline after which state officers will be instructed to make arrests of those who have failed to renew.

New Form of License

Licenses hereafter, it was announced, will be issued on forms that comply with the new law. These will be in the form of a folder fitted in an envelope just large enough to go in the ordinary car case. Each folder will bear a number, thus simplifying the keeping of the records, and will show the date upon which the license expires, two years from the time it is issued.

There are also spaces on the folded-license for a record of all court convictions for violations this being another requirement of the new law.

Benefits Great

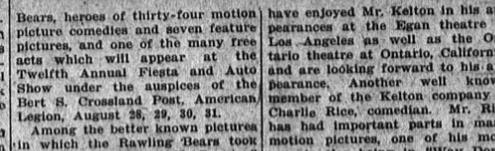
Reports received by the division of its traffic officers and others indicate tremendous benefits have resulted already for the examinations given the drivers.

"Drivers have been awakened to a new consciousness of the importance of careful driving and obedience to the law," said Snook. "Everywhere people are picking up learning things about the regulations and about driving they never knew before."

There has been a general improvement in driving. People, fresh from the examinations and the study they have been compelled to make of the laws, are driving less recklessly and observing the speed regulations more closely."

For Rent—Furnished apartments, single \$20.00, double \$30. Gas, water, lights included. Sam Levy, Phone 121-W, Torrance, adv.

MOVIES SEND FREE ACTS TO FIESTA



Bears, heroes of thirty-four motion picture comedies and seven feature pictures, and one of the many free acts which will appear at the Twelfth Annual Fiesta and Auto Show under the auspices of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, August 28, 29, 30, 31.

Among the better known pictures in which the Rawling Bears took part are "Back to God's Country" and "Grub Stakes," starring Nell Shipman; "Susanna" with Mabel Normand; "The Divine Lady," with Corinne Griffith; and "Revenge" with Dolores Del Rio. In the troupe are also monkeys and a police dog that have had important roles in Fox comedies.

Another stellar free attraction is William H. Jackson, the world champion wizard of memory. In "Melody" Jackson has memorized over seven thousand musical numbers and will play any number requested. He plays any keyboard instrument, including, of course, the piano.

The Kelton Players also offer a well chosen program of dramatic plays during the evenings of the Fiesta and Auto Show. Opening on Wednesday evening, August 28 with "Wanted a Wife," the Kelton Players will follow with "A Girl from the U. S. A." on Thursday, "Modern Youth" on Friday, and "The Lure of the City" on Saturday. Local lovers of the drama

## TO IMPROVE STREETS IN S. TORRANCE

### Pavements, Sidewalks and Curbs Requested on Six Streets in Tract 7519

Property owners on six streets in Tract 7519, South Torrance, petitioned the Torrance city council Tuesday evening for the improvement of their streets with paving, sidewalks and curbs.

Thirty-five foot paving with sidewalks and curbs are asked on Hawthorne avenue between Arlington and Alhambra; thirty foot paving, sidewalks, and curbs were asked on Park and Ward streets between Arlington and Alhambra; twenty-five foot paving with sidewalks and curbs are asked for Madison between Arlington and Alhambra. A twenty-eight foot paving with sidewalks and curbs on Arlington between Hawthorne and Madison avenues. The sidewalks are all to be five feet wide and the paving is to be of rock and oil.

The petition was signed by first-class property owners, which represents approximately sixty per cent of the property affected.

The matter was referred to the city clerk for checking of the signatures and report back at next Tuesday's meeting of the council.

An ordinance was adopted authorizing the abandonment of a portion of Catalina street in the Hollywood Riviera addition. This section to be abandoned is a dead-end street and provision has been made to service the property owners by a new through street.

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After a brief discussion, the mayor was authorized by the council to furnish Mr. Shipman with the correct status of the city of Torrance on the matter and solicit his support in the project. The following letter was sent:

"Torrance, California,  
August 21, 1929.  
"Mr. Benjamin W. Shipman,  
"257 South Hill Street,  
"Los Angeles, California.  
"Dear Sir:

"It has recently come to the attention of the City Council of Torrance that your client Mr. Kettler, the owner of substantial properties in this vicinity has been of the opinion or belief that the administrative body of this municipality has not been in favor of the pending improvement of Eshelman avenue and its northerly prolongation to connect with Cabrillo avenue in this city.

"This matter was a subject of some discussion before the council in the regular assembled meeting last evening the 20th instant, at which time unanimous action was taken instructing the City Clerk to prepare a communication to be addressed to your attention setting forth the opinions, desires and status of the subject as related to this community.

"This project commonly referred to as the Cabrillo and Eshelman avenue improvement was initiated by the City of Torrance through the joint instrumentality of its administrative body and the local Chamber of Commerce.

"Subsequent to the initiation of the project, overtures were made to the County of Los Angeles through the Regional Planning Commission, seeking that commission's recognition and adoption of the project on the major plan of highways promulgated by that body. This recognition was obtained and the project referred to adopted on the major plan of highways.

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## If You're Too Busy to Read

We all want to "keep up" on what's doing, but few of us find time to wade through the mass of printed matter in the daily newspapers to sort out the things we wish to know.

Well, you won't have to any more. Your own here-town newspaper in bringing you a weekly News-Review of all the important happenings in the Southland. It is written to the point, stripped of publicity, biased policy, and "bologna." It's a newspaper for busy people, who want the plain, honest, uncolored FACTS.

You'll find the first issue of the weekly News-Review in your paper today. Read it carefully. You'll enjoy it immensely.

The pictorial map on the front page of the News-Review gives a geographical picture of important news developments.

## HOPE REVIVED IN CABRILLO ESHELMAN RD.

Kettler Opposition Believed Due to Erroneous Impression That City of Torrance Was Against Improvement

Hope was revived in the Cabrillo Eshelman improvement at the city council meeting Tuesday night when the council was advised by Carl L. Hyde, managing secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, that he had just learned the Kettler interests had been laboring under an erroneous impression that the city of Torrance was opposed to the project.

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## New Directory Shows 6774 Living in Torrance Proper and 1500 in East Torrance

### Increase of 26 Per Cent Over Two Years Ago—Residents Are 85 Per Cent Caucasians—South Torrance Has 412 Residents

The new directory of the City of Torrance, to be off the press early next week, gives Torrance a population of 8200. If the residents of East Torrance and the Hammetton Tract are included, the population is approximately 8200. The figures for East Torrance and the Hammetton Tract were obtained from the last registration of voters, and include the territory between 19th street and Ocean avenue. It is pointed out that while East Torrance and Hammetton are outside the corporate limits of the City of Torrance, they are immediately adjacent to the city boundaries and can be legitimately included as part of the City of Torrance. The population of Torrance, now known as South Torrance, since it is a part of the city, is 412.

The population of the City of Torrance, proper, at the time the last directory was published two years ago was 6375, showing a gain of 1400, and if the increases of the East Torrance and Hammetton Tract areas are included, the increase in population over two years ago will exceed 2000.

Within the specific boundaries the population has grown 26 per cent in the past two years, and the increase in East Torrance and Hammetton Tract has been much greater, probably over 50 per cent. Torrance four years ago had a population of 4392. The gains have been greater numerically as well as proportionately during the past two years than the two years prior to that. The population nine years ago in 1920 was just 1000.

Of the 6774 residents of the City of Torrance, proper, 582 are Mexicans, (350 of whom live in the Pueblo), and 461 are Japanese, showing 85 per cent of the residents of Torrance to be Caucasians. The Caucasians two years ago ran 84.5 per cent.

The new directory lists every resident of the City of Torrance, 16 years of age or older, but a count of the children under 16 years was kept so that an accurate population figure could be ascertained.

Largest Families

Japanese families on an average are larger than either Caucasian or Mexican families. Credit for the largest family in the city however, goes to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeil, 1744 Andrea avenue, who have ten children, six of whom are under 16.

The directory is being printed this week and will be ready for distribution early next week. Copies may be purchased at the Automatic Printing Company, 1326 E. Prado, at \$2.00 each.

The new directory was compiled by Samuel W. Wilson and printed by the Automatic Printing Company. It contains all persons over 16 years of age within the corporate limits of the City of Torrance, with street addresses, mail addresses, business and residence addresses, and other exchanges, and a complete and up-to-date list of all telephone numbers. It is pointed out by Mr. Wilson that many of the residents of South Torrance and other outlying sections of the city are listed in the telephone company directory in the Redondo and other exchanges, and for this reason the new city directory is particularly valuable in finding telephone numbers of all Torrance residents.

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## U. S. Steel Merger Would More Than Double Torrance Plant

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—(Exclusive)—The increase this week in the market price of Columbia Steel is interpreted in financial circles as a reflection of a favorable report expected from the officials of the United States Steel Corporation since their visit to the Torrance plant last week.

L. L. Hughes and John Hulst, both vice presidents of the United States Steel Corporation, accompanied by appraisers and accountants, visited the Columbia Plant in Torrance the latter part of last week. They were piloted around the extensive plant at Torrance by A. T. De Forrest of San Francisco, in charge of the west coast activities of United States Steel, coming to Torrance directly from the Columbia mining properties in Utah.

Those in touch with the steel market state that the combined sales of the United States Steel and the Columbia in Southern California for the past year have been three times the present capacity of the Torrance plant, and financial leaders point out that if the contemplated merger is completed, extensive expansions will no doubt be made in the Torrance plant to meet the combined business of the two companies in Southern California. It is not expected that the United States Steel will continue to pay the shipping charges from the East to fill orders when they have a plant in Torrance that is capable of supplying the needs.

No credence is given the rumors of extensive personnel changes in the Columbia plant when the merger is completed, as the high efficiency of the present personnel at the Torrance plant is recognized in steel circles, and is reported to have been acknowledged by the United States Steel officials when they made their visit last week to the Torrance plant.

Those in close touch with the developments express unbounded enthusiasm for the growth of the Torrance steel plant, and it is known generally that the Torrance plant is now taxed to capacity to meet the growing demands of the Southland. If the business of the United States Steel in Southern California is added to this volume, industrial leaders foresee a unit in Torrance two or three times its present size.

Legion Dance Is Lively Party

Entertainers from the Fanchon and Marco circuit replaced "Miss Mystery" at the American Legion dance at Earl's Cafe last Saturday evening.

The Ulrich Sycophants furnished lively music for the dance, which was well attended.

During the evening Colonel N. F. Jamieson beat a brass group outside the door of Earl's Cafe and drew the attention of a large crowd who came to see a "sight they'd never seen before."

The song was presented to the American Legion Oriental band by Earl Conner.